AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A ~~An improved~~ user interface for managing a connection between a remote computing device and a local computing device, comprising:

a connection management window <u>operative to display</u> ~~displaying~~ at least a first connection icon <u>for a first application,</u> the first connection icon representing a first connection between the remote computing device and a first local computing device,

wherein in the connection management window a user can either select the first connection icon or an active area within the connection management window,

wherein ~~if the user selection includes~~ <u>selecting</u> the first connection icon[[,]] <u>allows</u> ~~the~~ <u>a first</u> connection represented by the first connection icon <u>to</u> become[[s]] modifiable to alter the first connection, and

wherein ~~if the user selection includes~~ <u>selecting</u> the active area[[,]] <u>allows</u> a new connection window <u>to</u> appear[[s]] and, upon designating a new connection, <u>allows</u> a second connection icon <u>for a second application</u> ~~is~~ <u>to be</u> displayed <u>within the connection management window</u>, wherein the second connection icon represents a second connection different from the first connection, between the remote computing device and a second local computing device<u>,</u>

<u>wherein the first application is different from the second application.</u>

2.   (Currently Amended) A ~~An improved~~ user interface for managing a connection between a remote computing device and a local computing device according to Claim 1, wherein the connection management window <u>is operative to display</u> ~~displays~~ at least a first application

icon, wherein the first application icon represents an application available for execution on the first local computing device.

3.   (Currently Amended) A ~~An improved~~ user interface for managing a connection between a remote computing device and a local computing device according to Claim 1, further comprising a keystroke management window, wherein the keystroke management window is user modifiable to accept a local keystroke management setting,

wherein if the local keystroke management setting is enabled, a keystroke is processed at the remote computing device, and

wherein if the local keystroke management setting is disabled, the keystroke is processed at the first local computing device.

4.   (Currently Amended) A ~~An improved~~ user interface for managing a connection between a remote computing device and a local computing device according to Claim 1, wherein the first connection icon and the second connection icon each includes a priority.

5.   (Currently Amended) A ~~An improved~~ user interface for managing a connection between a remote computing device and a local computing device according to Claim 1, wherein the priority is a failover order.

6.   (Currently Amended) A ~~An improved~~ user interface for managing a connection between a remote computing device and a local computing device according to Claim 1, further comprising a desktop shell window, wherein the desktop shell window is ~~user~~ modifiable <u>at run-time by the user at the remote computing device</u> to accept a desktop shell setting,

wherein if the desktop shell setting is disabled, an alternate user interface is selected and the ~~improved~~ user interface is disabled.

7.   (Currently Amended) A method for managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using a ~~an improved~~ user interface, comprising the steps of:

displaying a ~~an improved~~ user interface;

displaying at least a first connection icon <u>for a first application</u> on the user interface, the first connection icon representing a first connection between the remote computing device and a first local computing device;

<u>receiving</u> ~~inputting~~ a user selection~~, wherein if the user selection includes~~ <u>of</u> the first connection icon, <u>wherein the user selection of the first connection icon allows</u> ~~the~~ <u>a</u> first connection represented by the first connection icon <u>to</u> become[[s]] modifiable to alter the first connection[[,]]<u>;</u> and

<u>receiving</u> ~~wherein if the~~ <u>a</u> user selection ~~includes~~ <u>of</u> an active area of the ~~improved~~ user interface, <u>wherein the user selection of the active area allows</u> a second connection icon <u>for a second application</u> ~~is~~ <u>to be</u> displayed, wherein the second connection icon represents a second connection different than the first connection~~, between the remote computing device and a second local computing device~~.

8.   (Currently Amended) A method for managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using a ~~an improved~~ user interface according to Claim 7, further comprising the step of   displaying at least a first application icon, wherein the first application icon represents an application available for execution on the first local computing device.

9.   (Currently Amended) A method for managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using a ~~an improved~~ user interface according

to Claim 7, further comprising the step of displaying a keystroke management window, wherein the keystroke management window is user modifiable to accept a local keystroke management setting,

wherein if the local keystroke management setting is enabled, a keystroke is processed at the remote computing device, and

wherein if the local keystroke management setting is disabled, the keystroke is processed at the first local computing device.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using a ~~an improved~~ user interface according to Claim 7, wherein the first connection icon and the second connection icon each includes a priority.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using a ~~an improved~~ user interface according to Claim 7, wherein the priority is a failover order.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using a ~~an improved~~ user interface according to Claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

displaying a desktop shell window, wherein the desktop shell window is ~~user~~ modifiable <u>at run-time by a user at the remote computing device</u> to accept a desktop shell setting;

selecting an alternate user interface, if the desktop shell setting is disabled;

disabling the ~~improved~~ user interface, if the desktop shell setting is disabled.

13 - 16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable program code stored on a computer readable medium, said computer-executable program code for ~~use~~ managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using a ~~an improved~~ user interface, the computer-executable program code comprising:

code for displaying an ~~improved~~ user interface;

code for displaying at least a first connection icon <u>for a first application</u> on the user interface, the first connection icon representing a first connection between the remote computing device and a first local computing device;

code for <u>receiving</u> ~~inputting~~ a user selection<u>,</u> ~~wherein if the user selection includes~~ <u>of</u> the first connection icon, <u>wherein the user selection of the first connection icon allows</u> ~~the~~ <u>a</u> <u>first</u> connection represented by the first connection icon <u>to</u> become[[s]] modifiable to alter the first connection[[,]]<u>;</u> and

code for <u>receiving</u> ~~wherein if the~~ <u>a</u> user selection ~~includes~~ <u>of</u> an active area of the ~~improved~~ user interface, <u>wherein the user selection of the active area allows</u> a second connection icon <u>for a second application</u> ~~is~~ <u>to be</u> displayed, wherein the second connection icon represents a second connection different than the first connection<u>,</u> ~~between the remote computing device and a second local computing device~~.

18. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable program code ~~stored on a computer readable medium~~ according to Claim 17, ~~said computer-executable program code for use managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using an improved user interface, the computer-executable program code~~ comprising:

code <u>for</u> displaying at least a first application icon, wherein the first application icon represents an application available for execution on the first local computing device.

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19. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable program code ~~stored on a computer readable medium~~ according to Claim 17, ~~said computer-executable program code for use managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using an improved user interface, the computer-executable program code~~ comprising:

code for displaying a keystroke management window, wherein the keystroke management window is user modifiable to accept a local keystroke management setting,

wherein if the local keystroke management setting is enabled, a keystroke is processed at the remote computing device, and

wherein if the local keystroke management setting is disabled, the keystroke is processed at the first local computing device.

20. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable program code ~~stored on a computer readable medium~~ according to Claim 17, ~~said computer-executable program code for use managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using an improved user interface, the computer-executable program code~~ comprising:

code for displaying a desktop shell window, wherein the desktop shell window is ~~user~~ modifiable <u>at run-time by a user at the remote computing device</u> to accept a desktop shell setting;

code for selecting an alternate user interface, if the desktop shell setting is disabled; and

code for disabling the ~~improved~~ user interface, if the desktop shell setting is disabled.

21.   (Currently Amended) A programmed computer apparatus for managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using a ~~an improved~~ user interface, said programmed computer apparatus comprising:

means for displaying a ~~an improved~~ user interface;

means for displaying at least a first connection icon <u>for a first application</u> on the user interface, the first connection icon representing a first connection between the remote computing device and a first local computing device;

means for <u>receiving</u> ~~inputting~~ a user selection, ~~wherein if the user selection includes~~ <u>of</u> the first connection icon, <u>wherein the user selection of the first connection icon</u> <u>allows</u> ~~the~~ <u>a first</u> connection represented by the first connection icon <u>to</u> become[[s]] modifiable to alter the first connection[[,]]; and

means for <u>receiving</u> ~~wherein if the~~ <u>a</u> user selection ~~includes~~ <u>of</u> an active area of the ~~improved~~ user interface, <u>wherein the user selection of the active area allows</u> a second connection icon <u>for a second application</u> ~~is~~ <u>to be</u> displayed, wherein the second connection icon represents a second connection different than the first connection, ~~between the remote computing device and a second local computing device~~.

22.   (Currently Amended) A programmed computer apparatus for managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using a ~~an improved~~ user interface according to Claim 21, said programmed computer apparatus comprising:

means for displaying at least a first application icon, wherein the first application icon represents an application available for execution on the first local computing device.

23. (Currently Amended) A programmed computer apparatus for managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using a ~~an improved~~ user interface according to Claim 21, said programmed computer apparatus comprising:

means for displaying a keystroke management window, wherein the keystroke management window is user modifiable to accept a local keystroke management setting,

wherein if the local keystroke management setting is enabled, a keystroke is processed at the remote computing device, and

wherein if the local keystroke management setting is disabled, the keystroke is processed at the first local computing device.

24. (Currently Amended) A programmed computer apparatus for managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using a ~~an improved~~ user interface according to Claim 21, said programmed computer apparatus comprising:

means for displaying a desktop shell window, wherein the desktop shell window is ~~user~~-modifiable <u>at run-time by a user at the remote computing device</u>;

means for selecting an alternate user interface, if the desktop shell setting is disabled;

means for disabling the ~~improved~~ user interface, if the desktop shell setting is disabled.

25. (New) A user interface for managing a connection between a remote computing device and a local computing device according to Claim 1, wherein the remote computing device is a thin client, wherein the user interface is to be displayed at the thin client, wherein the active

area is an empty area, and wherein selecting the first connection icon allows the user to edit or delete the first connection.

26. (New) A method for managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using a user interface according to Claim 7, wherein the remote computing device is a thin client, wherein the user interface is displayed at the thin client, wherein the active area is an empty area, wherein the user selection of the first connection icon allows a user at the thin client to edit or delete the first connection, wherein the second connection is between the thin client and a second local computing device, and wherein the first application is different from the second application.

27. (New) Computer-executable program code according to Claim 17, wherein the remote computing device is a thin client, wherein the user interface is to be displayed at the thin client, wherein the active area is an empty area, wherein the user selection of the first connection icon allows a user at the thin client to edit or delete the first connection, wherein the second connection is between the thin client and a second local computing device, and wherein the first application is different from the second application.

28. (New) A programmed computer apparatus for managing a connection between a local computing device and a remote computing device using a user interface according to Claim 21, wherein the remote computing device is a thin client, wherein the user interface is to be displayed at the thin client, wherein the active area is an empty area, wherein the user selection of the first connection icon allows a user at the thin client to edit or delete the first connection, wherein the second connection is between the thin client and a second local computing device, and wherein the first application is different from the second application.